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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. "1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,187,051, dated February 5, 1980, to Kirsch et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,437,114, dated March 13, 1984, to LaRussa;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,651,879, dated March 24, 1987, to Harris et al.;

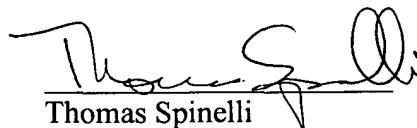
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4. U.S. Patent No. 4,674,869, dated June 23, 1987, to Pryor et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,744,035, dated May 10, 1988, to Hashim;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,835,450, dated May 30, 1989, to Suzuki;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,065,237, dated November 12, 1991, to Tsikos et al.;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,150,307, dated September 22, 1992, to McCourt et al.;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,195,234, dated March 23, 1993, to Pine et al.;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,253,765, dated October 19, 1993, to Moorehead et al.;
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,473,810, dated December 12, 1995, to Demarest et al.;
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,370,216, dated December 6, 1994, to Tsuruyama et al.;
13. U.S. Patent No. 3,611,551, dated October 1971, issued to Shave et al.;
14. U.S. Patent No. 3,980,177, dated September 1976, issued to McGregor;
15. U.S. Patent No. 4,011,155, dated March 1977, issued to Feurstein et al.;
16. U.S. Patent No. 4,909,376, dated March 1990, issued to Herndon et al.;
17. U.S. Patent No. 4,922,904, dated May 1990, issued to Uetake et al.;
18. U.S. Patent No. 3,815,730, dated June 1974, issued to Zwiep et al.
19. U.S. Patent No. 5,531,312, dated July 1996, issued to Dickey;
20. European Patent No. 581,699, dated February 2, 1994;
21. Japanese Patent No. 63-299834, dated December 7, 1988;
22. British Patent No. 2167211, May 1986;
23. U.S. Patent No. 4,733,520 dated March 29, 1988, issued to Rabbi;
24. U.S. Patent No. 5,526,917 dated June 18, 1996, issued to Homma.
25. U.S. Patent No. 4,382,527 dated May 1983, issued to Lenner;
26. U.S. Patent No. 5,813,517 dated September 1998 issued to Logeman, et al; and

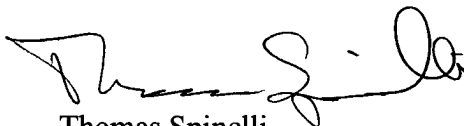
27. Japanese Patent No. 59-158719 dated September 1984.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the above listed references, are not provided as the references were previously submitted to the Examiner and made of record by the Examiner.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Spinelli', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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